

Lancaster Intelligencer.

SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 7, 1880.

A Good Case but a Bad Argument.

We print to-day a long letter taken from an organ of the iron trade and inspired by an alleged declaration by John Bright, in a speech made in England...

PERSONAL.

FRANCIS MURPHY is taking his summer holiday and quietly resting at Lock Haven.

GAFFIELD has made as complete a surrender to the bloody shirt faction of his party as he did to those who prostrate the civil service to keep it in place.

THE stalwart editor of the Press informs his readers that the Republican canvass in that city is proceeding briskly...

IN a speech in New York last evening in which Brother-in-Law Sharpe sought most earnestly to prove that Garfield is not an "incongruous candidate"...

THE St. Louis public school library now contains about 50,000 volumes.

THE assets of the Ocean Grove association, the Methodist summer resort on the seashore, are 467,000 above all liabilities.

IT is stated that a Unitarian minister in Indiana, having avowed himself an atheist, has been expelled from the Masonic lodge to which he belonged.

THE pastors of the Methodist Episcopal churches are asked to raise 25 per cent. additional for the Episcopal fund to what they have been raising, as there are four new bishops to be provided for, and the whole support of the Episcopacy is now thrown upon the churches.

RECIPROcity on the question of religion on the part of the Japanese seems to worry the missionaries a good deal. The Japanese are ready to admit that Christ is divine, and that Christianity is true, but they insist that missionaries shall admit that Japanese gods are divine, and their religion is true.

SOME of the Tunker sisters petitioned the annual convention to allow them to wear "modest hats," but their prayer was denied, and they were reminded of the texts, "Be not conformed to this world," "Abstain from all appearance of evil." They must therefore stick to hoods and sunbonnets.

THE following is an estimate of the numbers of the various religious denominations who speak the English language: Episcopalians, 17,500,000; Methodists, 14,000,000; Catholics, 12,500,000; Presbyterians, 10,000,000; Baptists, 8,000,000; Congregationalists, 7,000,000; Unitarians, 1,000,000.

THE three great windows of the Protestant Episcopal cathedral in Omaha, Neb., are to be memorials of three great missionary bishops—Selwyn, Patterson and Kemper. There are to be thirteen other windows in the cathedral, with paintings of the Saviour and the apostles. The window for St. James is the gift of the children baptized by Bishop Clarkson when he was rector of St. James, Chicago. The cathedral in Omaha was designed by Mr. Harrison, the architect of the Stewart memorial cathedral in Garden City, La. I.

THE declaration of the Dauphin county

Republicans, in favor of Mr. Samuel F. Barr for Congress, recalls to the Johnstown Tribune an incident that occurred at the Chicago convention. Barr was occupying an alternate's seat on the second day of the convention, when prayer was being offered by a minister. A sergeant-at-arms noticed Mr. Barr standing, while all the others in the hall were sitting. The officer approached him, and from the other end of the row of seats, requested him in not a very low voice to "sit down." Mr. Barr turning with a look of mingled pity and surprise to the official, replied "I am in the most reverential manner that he would permit when the prayer was over; that at present he was praying. The sergeant-at-arms waited.

THE other day the Republicans were quite visibly affected to an unusual degree of confidence by the publication in the Pittsburgh papers and the republication in the eastern press of an alleged offer by one "John W. Goodman, Seventh Avenue hotel, Pittsburgh," to give \$5,000 that Pennsylvania will vote Garfield 20,000 majority, \$5,000 that New York will give Garfield 5,000 majority, and \$15,000 that Garfield will be elected. We suspected at the time that Goodman was a very transient guest, and so it has proved. All efforts to find him have failed, and a St. Louis gentleman who happened to be passing through Pittsburgh and stopped off to take all his bets has left security there that if he turns up he can be accommodated to the amount of \$50,000. The hotel clerk says Goodman's name is not on the register and they know nothing about him, but since the mythical bet was offered a great many telegrams have arrived for him. Betting on elections is very wicked, but when the Republican sinners force their challenges upon the meek and lowly Democrats nowadays the response seems to be very prompt.

THE Republicans of Kennet Square have called on Col. McClure to come over and help them with a stalwart address. He says he will go and defend his old party when he can do so "without defending Credit Mobilier, De Golyer and back-pay jobs, and without defending a political domination in Pennsylvania for which the honest voters of Chester are made to blush with every returning year."

LYONS GRANT, jr., of "Buck" Grant, as he is generally called, is now twenty-eight years old and one of the most successful financiers of his age in this country. In view of his impending marriage, the great bonanza firm of Flood & O'Brien took him under its wing. Mr. Flood tossed him under a few points, and he so made use of his skillful training that at the end of two years he had \$300,000 placed to his credit. It was only when this sum was reached that the young man proposed a matrimonial alliance with the great firm. Buck has now associated with him as partner his brother, and together they are pulling up for themselves and the "ole man."

THE day expressed on the Northern Central railway, a passenger and killed Edward Griffin, aged about 17, near Woodbury.

Baseball: Providence 6, Cleveland 0. Buffalo 4, Worcester 0. Troy City 4, Cincinnati 2. Boston 4, Chicago 3.

Twenty-five troopers, composing the garrison at Giamfin post, about fifty miles from Sibi, have been killed by the natives of the Bolan district, India.

Three cars of an excursion train fell through a bridge into the canal at Waverly, Ohio last evening. One person was killed, and sixteen injured, one fatally.

In the 223 race at Buffalo, Wedgwood took the last three of six heats in 2:20. After Kitty Bates won one in 2:19. The free-for-all race was won in three heats by South Bay at 2:14. At Harrisburg Mishap took the first race in 2:37, and Little Mary the free-for-all in 2:32.

James Kellroy, aged 40 years, was drowned in the Morris canal, at Jersey City, yesterday morning. Subsequently three men, named Ward, O'Neil and Hart, with whom Kellroy quarreled in the canal, were arrested on suspicion of having murdered him.

Ten additional ballots for a candidate for governor were taken in the Georgia Democratic convention yesterday. On the last ballot, the nineteenth, the vote stood: Colquhoun, 211; Hardeman, 51; Howell, 15; Warner, 13. Necessary to a choice, 225. The convention adjourned until this morning.

SOME men who were cleaning out a well back of 1006 Rodman street Philadelphia, found a box containing infant's bones which had been there evidently a year.

The editor of the Canonsburg Herald Notes left his post in charge of his brother this week, and he has changed its politics, bringing it out for Garfield.

Hayes has signed the commission of J. B. Lippincott and J. V. Morrill, commissioners, and A. N. Perrin and J. H. Price, alternates, to represent Pennsylvania at the international exhibition at New York in 1883.

H. R. Coulter, who was an agent for a drug firm of Philadelphia and who lately married a lady in Philadelphia, was drowned near Toledo a day or two ago. The body is in charge of his uncle, Alfred Coulter.

The American dental association, at Boston voted to hold the next session in New York. Dr. C. N. Pierce, of Philadelphia, was elected president; W. C. Barrett of Buffalo, first vice president; recording secretary, George H. Cushing, of Chicago; corresponding secretary, A. M. Dudley, of Salem; treasurer, W. H. Gooddare, of Louisville.

After failing in every effort to conciliate Mr. McCluney, of Butler, or secure the attendance of his conferees, the Mercer county Republican conference united with the Dick conference, of Crawford county, and formed a conference. Mr. Dick withdrew his name as a candidate for Congress and S. H. Miller, of Mercer, was unanimously nominated. As the Republicans have trouble electing one congressman in that district they cannot well elect two.

In a Sad Fix. McClure's Times.

They met and Blaine pleaded eloquently for aid in Maine, where Republicanism is its better days was certain to thrill the nation with more than twenty thousand majority; Sherman pleaded for Ohio, where forty thousand was sure in the days of Lincoln; Harrison pleaded for Indiana as for an almost hopeless cause, where in the days of Morton's prime twenty thousand majority answered the Republican call; and the carpet-bagger and the placeman pleaded for the money of the committee to give them plenty in idleness until election day in the utterly hopeless South.

An Infernal Machine. A letter has just been received at the dead letter office which is an infernal machine in a small way. It was dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., and directed to Henry S. West, of that city. No such person could be found. Upon opening it at the dead letter office it was found to contain five heads of parlor matches, together with an ounce of powder, all carefully wrapped in white paper. The sender evidently expected that the force of stamping would ignite the matches and fire the powder, surprising the stamper and perhaps burning his face and hands.

UP THE OHIO.

A NOVEL AND INTERESTING TRIP.

By River Steamer—Pictorial Scenery—The Water Way From the Mouth of the Ohio to Pittsburgh.

From Private Correspondence.

STEAMER CLIFTON, ROCKPORT, Ind., Aug. 2.

About two weeks ago we decided—if possible for us to get off in time—to take a boat in time at St. Louis for Cairo, and then up the Ohio to Pittsburgh, thence by cars back to Ohio. The Ohio river has been falling so rapidly and the water is so low that we will not be able to get much farther than Cincinnati on this boat, but perhaps we can take a smaller boat and go on, or if not take the cars from that city. This is the last boat that will make the trip till there is a rise in the river. Our boat was advertised to leave last Thursday evening, but it was delayed by taking freight, so we did not get started until Friday at 5 p. m. The boat is very comfortable and nicely fitted up, and furnishes a very good table, and, as we are getting more and more hungry every day, our meals are relished in proportion. Our first evening out was very pleasant, the sunset was beautiful, and as I had never seen St. Louis, from this point, I enjoyed the view of the river front exceedingly. We soon passed beyond the city limits, the arsenal, &c., then—in two hours—the glass works at Crystal City appearing like a huge fiery furnace. We started too late for moonlight evenings, so after peering into the darkness a few hours and enjoying the cool breeze, after the hot day in the city, we retired to our state room, hoping to sleep well, but the noises were all so new to me that I was not disturbed; and, besides, the mosquitoes were so assiduous in their attentions that we could not ignore their presence—and we have been very much annoyed by their soiree, though last night, by an abundant use of pennyroyal, we kept them at bay and slept very well.

Saturday morning dawned beautifully, the doctor rose very early and the sunrise was so brilliant that he called me to share the sight with him, and by five o'clock I too was on deck enjoying it. An old pilot who has been on the Mississippi river fifty-six years pointed out places of interest to us. The scenery was very fine, the bluffs on the Missouri shore almost equaling the Hudson river Palisades. At Cairo we only stopped a short time, then back the grand old Mississippi farwell and steamed into the Ohio, the water of which is of a different color and much clearer. It was interesting to see the two running side by side until they blended. Our next stopping place was Paducah, just where the Tennessee river flows into the Ohio. We anchored the length of our boat in the Tennessee river. Many of the passengers, learning that we would stop an hour or more, walked up into the town, but we did not make this discovery till it was too late to leave the boat; and besides, as it was evening and rather dark, we could not have seen much of the place.

Sunday was a very pleasant day, but the banks, both on the Kentucky and Illinois side were rather flat. At seven in the evening we reached Mt. Vernon, Ind., and went up to see the town. As the first church bells were ringing, we viewed the interior of several churches, but could not wait for services. There were no religious services on the boat, but most of the passengers seemed to respect the day, and it seemed rather quiet—still, there was the usual amount of work among the hands, and the "round-a-bouts" were kept busy at several places loading wheat. We passed Evansville, Ind., and in an hour or two the mouth of Green river, Ky. It is not a wide stream, but quite deep and very clear, having so many springs; it rarely freezes, even when the Ohio is blockaded with ice. From here on the scenery grows more and more beautiful, the river making many and abrupt curves. About ten o'clock we passed Owensboro, Ky.; it stands out prominently on a point in the river—a lovely situation—and from the boat has the appearance of being a beautiful town. It is a very thriving, busy place, with a population of 10,000. Our next stopping place was Rockport, at which point I began my letter. We stopped to take on board 2,000 sacks of wheat. It was raining when we stopped here, and although we knew there would be a delay of an hour or two and would have liked to see the town, the hill looked too formidable and we did not venture; those who went up represented it as a lively little place, with pretty houses and yards, and very clean streets; it is situated on a high bluff with the rocks almost perpendicular. Last evening we spent several hours in the pilot house, from which we have a good view of the river and numerous little towns which we passed. At several places in Kentucky they were having political meetings and hurrahing for Hancock and the Democratic party. The pilot told us last evening that we would probably stop for a few hours last night, as we were approaching very shallow water, and several other boats had run aground, and he wanted to wait until daylight before getting fast—at least there would be more chance of avoiding the sand bar by daylight. When the doctor rose at four o'clock this morning he found they had tied up for two hours, and then started, but had just got aground off Flint island. I was so sleepy that I concluded, as there was not much prospect of the scene changing for awhile, I would take another nap. I could feel the boat backing, then going forward a little, trying to get into the channel, and then seeing-sawing long while. About six I heard them making preparations for a special effort, so I hurriedly dressed and got out on deck just in time to see them push the boat off the bar by using the derrick and spar. Our boat draws 24 feet of water, and in the shallow places they are constantly sounding, and when they sail out to the pilot, "only 5 feet scant," then "4 feet" and "3 feet," everybody is interested. We have rubbed bottom a number of times, but struck for the first time this morning. Since we got off the bar we have had good water and are moving along very well, though we will make a slow trip all the way, but we enjoy the scenery all the more. I never saw or heard the "sound-

ing" before, and rather enjoy hearing them sing out, "quarter less twin," "mark twin," "six feet large," "three and a-half," etc. It rained hard during the night and drizzled till about ten o'clock; since then it is brightening a little, though still cloudy; a very cold wind is blowing, so that heavy wraps are necessary to keep comfortable. All morning the scenery has been very picturesque, the river winds forming an S all the time. For a while the bluffs will be on the Kentucky shore then on the Indiana side, sometimes we can only see the river a little way ahead, the bend being so sharp that it looks as if we had come to a stopping place and could only run against the bluff. The scenery is more and more grand as we get on up the river. I sincerely hope that there has been still more rain farther East, and that by the time we reach Cincinnati there will have been a rise in the river, so that we may be able to continue our journey as far as Pittsburgh. We expect to reach Louisville toward evening, and are hoping it will still be light enough to get off the boat and go into the city for a short time. The Captain says he does not have to stop more than half an hour, but we can get off at the canal, and then, by walking a few blocks, take the street car and ride through the city, meeting the boat again at the landing. Just now I am sitting on the guards, outside my stateroom—on one side of the river (the Ind. side)—there is a little town, toward which we are turning to take on a passenger. (They won't take any more freight, our boat is heavy enough) ahead of us and the town is a prominent point in the bluff, jutting out boldly into the river—just beyond, the river bends and I see the beautiful Kentucky shore, and the bluffs dark green, forming a rich background to the higher color of the nearer Indiana bluff. I find we will not reach Louisville for at least an hour longer, and as it is cloudy and quite dark, we have concluded not to leave the boat. Perhaps it will be just as interesting to us to pass through the locks which will take a couple of hours and be a new sight to me. After reaching Cincinnati I will give you a description of the remainder of our trip. C. R. B.

DISASTER AND CRIME.

The Record of Men's Blunders and Wickedness.

Alie Brown, of Wilkesbarre, twenty-four years of age, committed suicide by drowning.

The death is reported of Rose McGowan by injuries received by being thrown down stairs by her husband, Michael, at 510 West Thirty-seventh street, New York.

John Travers, of Moriden, Conn., who shot himself at No. 165 Madison street, New York, died at Chambers Street hospital.

John Collins, who was established in New York by Quimbo Uppo, jr., son of the notorious Chinese criminal of same name, is reported in a dying condition.

A fire at Stonham, Mass., destroyed the curing shop of M. E. Fitzgerald, with the adjoining buildings. A large quantity of leather and valuable machinery were also burned. Loss, \$25,000; nearly covered by insurance.

A watchman named Connolly, employed by the Seaview railroad company, was so badly cut and mangled by three colored men, near Donnelly's hotel, Long Island, that he is expected to die. The assailants are supposed to be hostlers from Brighton Beach course.

In Albany, William H. Lenden fatally stabbed Etta Farrington, a young woman with whom he maintained illicit relations. According to the woman's story she gave Lenden no cause for assaulting her. Lenden is a carpenter, twenty-five years of age. He was arrested.

J. Lloyd Haight, well known in good society in New York and Brooklyn, and contractor for the wire for the East river bridge, was arrested on suspicion of the suspension of the Grocers' bank has been sentenced to the state prison for four years at hard labor.

The Manhattan vinegar company's works at Nos. 215 and 214 First street, Brooklyn, were partially destroyed by fire. Loss of the company \$10,000; loss on buildings owned by J. Wilson, \$2,000. The charred remains of Henry Susa, night watchman, were found in the ruins.

Mrs. John Hickering, an aged lady, of Dauphin county, while attempting to cross the Northern Central Railroad track, a short distance above Dauphin, was caught by the engine and dragged about fifty feet. She was horribly mangled and died shortly afterward.

In St. Petersburg a house porter was wounded by a shot from a revolver fired by one of two well-dressed men, both of whom were captured by the police with the assistance of bystanders, after slight resistance and an ineffectual shot at the captors. It is supposed that the outrage was a nihilist attempt to kill a spy in the person of the house porter.

Three tramps yesterday morning broke into the house of an old couple named Garber, in New Market, York county, a little town near Harrisburg, and after ransacking the house, seized the old folk and demanded money. Mr. Garber gave them a small sum he had in his vest, when they threatened him and his wife with injury unless a larger amount was given them. Before their threats were executed they were frightened off.

A fire at Lynn, Mass., partially destroyed several buildings on Washington street, excepting a number of firms. A building owned by Miles & Hoyt was destroyed. Loss, \$5,000; insured. Morgan & Doer, Edward Heffernan, Loughton, Godfrey & Dean, Sutherland & Smith, Lucien Newhall, and others were the heaviest losers. Total loss, \$15,000; insured.

At Old Town, Craighead county, Ark., a few days since, John F. Hingensmith, agent of Straight & Co., of Indianapolis, Ind., was killed by blows from a gun in the hands of Calvin Smith, also of Indianapolis. His skull was crushed in. Both men were engaged in getting out valuable timber and a quarrel of two or three years' standing, originating in a business rivalry was revived by them. The murderer tried to escape, but was arrested and put in jail.

In the Central Criminal court London, Pleasance Louisa Ingle, a nurse in Guy's hospital, London, was convicted of manslaughter in causing the death of a young married woman named Louisa Morgan, who had been admitted to the institution as a consumptive patient. Mrs. Morgan, who was apparently doing well, gave the nurse some extra trouble, and was dragged to the bath-tub by the nurse, and placed in cold water. This treatment aggravated the disease, and resulted in the speedy death of the patient. The prisoner's sentence was postponed.

John C. Hersh attempted suicide in a baggio, in West thirty-second street, New York, by shooting himself through the temple. He is now at the New York hospital in a critical condition. The man had applied to Louisa Cook, an inmate of the asylum, for being intoxicated was denied admittance. Miss De Forrest, who keeps the house attempted to prevent him from entering, when he drew a revolver

and fired, but the bullet missed and lodged in the wall. Thinking he had hit her, he shot himself.

Daniel E. O'Neil has been arrested in Chicago for the murder of John M'Mahon, on Tuesday last, while in the latter's house with burglarious intent. O'Neil was a laborer in a brickyard and was in the same house and is supposed to have been tempted to burglary by a report that M'Mahon had a large sum of money in his possession as treasurer for a Hibernian society. He denies the charge, but when confronted with Mrs. M'Mahon, who was in the same bed with her husband when M'Mahon was shot by the burglar, she immediately identified O'Neil as the murderer, saying, "That is the man who killed my Johnny."

FROM THE INDIA COUNTRY.

Turning near on the War-path—Indian treaty signed.

A Fort Robinson dispatch says a mail carrier has arrived there with intelligence that Turning Bear, one of Spotted Tail's chiefs, and three or four hundred young warriors, have started on the war-path presumably against the whites, whose agency is located two hundred miles from Spotted Tail's. Another report has it that they contemplate a raid on the settlers in the vicinity of the Black Hills.

A dispatch from Los Pinos, dated August 4, stated that one hundred and twenty Ute commissioners at that point, and assist in obtaining the consent of the White River Utes to the government treaty. General MacKenzie returned last night from a ton day scout to Grand river.

Leadville will soon be a very important railroad center. The Denver and Rio Grande company has let a contract for grading its Eagle river extension to the contractor who until last Monday, was engaged in grading along the line of the Leadville, Ten Mile, and Breckenridge road. It is probable that the Eagle river extension will be completed to Red Cliff by November 1st at latest. The active movements in the way of the railroad construction have given new life to the mining camps in Ten Mile, Eagle river, Roaring Forks, and other points, which will be thus reached, stimulating prospecting for new mines and the development of those already discovered to a wonderful degree.

Leadville Register, Rep.

Talk about outrages upon the people. The New Era does. But why does every assessments made upon the candidates by the county committee? The assessments are to say the very best of it, outrageous and beyond every former precedent. If the Republican ticket county, state and national, cannot be elected without such assessments upon candidates, it is about time for the Republican party to "shut up shop." The "expenses" seem to be more than the "peddles."

The Obligation of the State Press.

The address of Col. McClure in the Stearns and Hensel disbarment case is certainly a very able presentation of the relations of "Bench, Bar and Press," such as might be expected from the distinguished jurist and journalist who is its author. The newspaper men of the state have very generally read the argument, and they cannot but thank Col. McClure for setting forth their rights and duties as a public criticism before the highest judicial tribunal of state, and before the people as well, in such a clear and forcible manner.

The Invasion of Mexico.

The war department has no information yet regarding the alleged "army of occupation" which General Dalmypre is recruiting in Texas to invade Mexico. Dalmypre asserts that he has ten thousand men, and says he will enter Mexico when his force reaches 50,000. General Sherman is of opinion that the invasion "would not amount to anything," but, as the neutrality laws would have to be maintained by the United States army if necessary, Dalmypre would, in all probability, be whipped by both the United States and Mexican forces.

Thanks.

Candidate Grist's Weakly.

The county committee undoubtedly made a serious mistake on Monday placing so high an assessment on the candidates. \* \* \* \* \* The Lancaster Intelligencer is at its annual business of meddling in this matter and of advising candidates not to pay the assessments, threatening that if they do terrible "things" will happen. Of course its advice is entirely disinterested and deserves most respectful consideration.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUICIDE AT STRASBURG.

James McCoy hangs himself in his Room.

James McCoy, aged about 50 years, residing with George Weitz, his stepfather and his mother in the borough of Strasburg, committed suicide sometime during last night by hanging himself to a bed post in his room. He retired last night as usual, and was found this morning about 7 o'clock; he was then in a sitting posture, and had one end of a rope around his neck and another around the bed post. Deputy Coroner H. G. Book was sent for to hold an inquest, and the jury rendered a verdict of "death from strangulation by his own hand while laboring under an aberration of the mind."

The deceased was unmarried. He was a tailor by trade, and was well-known in this city, having worked for J. K. Smaling, Lewis Fisher, Myers & Rathvon and other tailors. He has not been working in this city since last spring, and for at least six months past he had been melancholy and low-spirited.

The affair has caused much sorrow throughout the entire community, and much sympathy is felt for the family.

The Lancaster Turnpike.

Residents and property owners along the line of the Philadelphia and Lancaster turnpike, between the Green Tree station and the Pennsylvania railroad and the borough of Coatesville, remonstrate and protest against the occupation of its roadway by the telegraphic poles of a corporation, known as the Atlantic and Pacific telegraph company; because the telegraph company has only road-way rights, because the telegraph lines destroy valuable foliage and causes accidents, and because its owners may come to claim by usance rights that it does not possess now.

Colored Campmeeting.

The colored campmeeting at Millersville, under the auspices of the A. M. E. church of Strawberry street, opens to-day and services will be conducted to-morrow by R. v. Henderson Davis, of Philadelphia, and Rev. Benjamin Davis, of York, Pa., at 10 a. m. 23 and 7 p. m. The Miller-street cars will continue ten days, and the street cars will run their schedule time on Sundays during the camp, and a late train will leave Millersville each night for the benefit of campers.

Threshing by Night.

On Thursday night August Wiltmer, of Paradise, threshed his entire wheat crop, the product of seven acres. About seven o'clock p. m. the steamer and thresher were put in motion and by about one o'clock a. m. the last sheaf was put through and the work was done.

The Largest Yet.

Mrs. G. C. Cameron, wife of the editor of the Marietta Times caught a bass in the river, weighing four and three quarter pounds.

A CURIOUS BIRD.

Named for a Pennsylvania Statesman—Eats the "Swamp" Feeds on Little Fish.

The following correspondence explains itself: QUARRYVILLE, Pa., Aug. 7, 1880. Prof. S. S. Rathvon:

Dear Sir: I send you the bird which we shot on Raab & Edwards' dam while gunning for frogs. If he is anything rare please let us know through the INTELLIGENCER.

Yours very respectfully, L. T. HESSEL.

Your bird was duly received, and, although not as common as it was forty or fifty years ago, yet it is by no means rare in this country. It is an immature specimen of the "Night Heron," or "Quay-bird" (Nycticorax griseus). Its favorite haunts are in the vicinity of swamps, where it feeds on fishes, frogs and water insects and their larvae. Usually they build their nests in tree tops, but they sometimes also build in thickets. They feed most at night, but also come abroad in daylight when pressed by hunger.

A Rally at Coatesville.

The staunch Democracy of Coatesville, Chester county and vicinity—where staunch Democrats are born and raised—held a mass meeting last evening in front of Benj. Vanlever's hotel, on the main street of the borough. A capacious and solid stand was erected and handsomely decorated with flags, bouquets and campaign banners, and pictures. The Coatesville band furnished music for the occasion, and by 3 p. m. the street was packed with people, not less than 800 being the estimated number present, including many who have hitherto acted with the Republican party. Mr. James Beale presided and the meeting was addressed by Major Veale and Mr. Bond of Philadelphia. W. H. Hessel of Lancaster, and J. R. Jones Monaghan of West Chester. The speaking continued full three hours, and during the entire evening not only the best of order prevailed and strict attention was paid to the discussion, but the crowd of people continued in attendance to the end. The meeting was an unexpected success, and in all its details proved anew that the spirit which animates the political minority of Chester county is the spirit that has kept burning the fires on Democratic altars through all political vicissitudes.

Sampling Tobacco.

Several recognized tobacco samplers are in town, and at work sampling tobacco. Among the most prominent are Messrs. F. C. Lingo, New York; E. W. Dickerson, Philadelphia and Henry Forrest, of this city.

Among the packers who have had a portion of their tobacco sampled are Skiles & Frey, John Moore, Teller Brothers, Frey & Weidler, Tag & Son and H. C. Moore.

It is gratifying to learn that a thorough examination of the crop by recognized experts, shows that the "damage" which was apprehended earlier in the season is no heavier than that of former years. Of 212 cases sampled in one of the warehouses only three required repacking, and this is about a fair average of the loss by other packers. On the whole the crop is proving to be a very good one, both in color and quality.

An Old Locust Post.

In 1814 when I. & P. Long commenced business in North Queen street, they put a locust post in front of their store to answer the purpose of a hitching-post and also as a support to the ropes used in lowering barrels of groceries into the cellar. A dozen years ago a heavy wagon ran against the post and snapped it off close to the pavement. Yesterday, while workmen were engaged in digging up the street for the purpose of widening the pavements and laying the Belgian blocks, the stump of this old post was dug up, and notwithstanding it had been buried in the earth sixty six years, it was but little rotted.

Three Scores and Ten.

The Lancaster Inquirer having tabulated its examination of the census returns in this county for persons over 70 years of age finds that there is a total of 1,874 males and 2,039 females, in all 3,913 residents of the county who are alive three score and ten. It appears that two and eight-tenths per cent. of the people of Lancaster county are over 70 years of age. Lancaster is the banner township having 8 and 2-10 per cent. The next is Hart at 5 and 1-10 per cent. The lowest is Columbia borough with 17-10 per cent.

Coup's Circus at Columbia.

The circus of W. C. Coup, which exhibited at Columbia yesterday, was well attended, but the tents were by no means full at either performance. The features of the ring show were the acting of the Broncho horses and trained dogs, riding of James Melville and the Stokes Sisters, and the performance of the Japanese. The circus appears in York to-day and in Frederick, Maryland on Monday.

She is a "Hancock" Hen.

Ephraim Eckman, jr., of West Lampeter, has a hen of blooded stock which was hatched out on Eastern Monday, and hence she is within six days of being four months old. She laid an egg on July 24, and has to this date laid a dozen. She has a brother of the same age who crows for Hancock every time the pullet lays an egg. Trot out your Garfield chickens.

New Tobacco Warehouses.

Col. Edward McGovern has broken ground for a new tobacco warehouse which he will erect on the south side of the New Holland pike, opposite the Lancaster cemetery and between Plum and Shippen streets.

John R. Russel is also erecting a warehouse on Fulton street, between Shippen and Plum.

Struck—and Injured.

This morning at the Millerville local of the Pennsylvania railroad, was shifting cars in at the Penn iron works, James Winters, a brakeman on the train was struck by a gate on the yard fence which was across the track, and was knocked from his car. He was badly bruised and made a narrow escape from being killed.

Threshing by Night.

On Thursday night August Wiltmer, of Paradise, threshed his entire wheat crop, the product of seven acres. About seven o'clock p. m. the steamer and thresher were put in motion and by about one o'clock a. m. the last sheaf was put through and the work was done.

The Largest Yet.

Mrs. G. C. Cameron, wife of the editor of the Marietta Times caught a bass in the river, weighing four and three quarter pounds.